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## SUPPLEMENT.

### Winds Ruin in Southern Holt.

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charts through this section by the hail, many being entirely ruined for this season's crop. The same can be said of the northern part of Nollaway township.

On Wednesday forenoon about 11 o'clock a cloud burst, passed over Forbes, completely flooding the city and again washing out the railroad track for a half mile, the grading washed away and the lines blocked for several hours. What bridges were left from the Sunday night storm were washed away by the burst, and the loss and destruction was heavy. Water ran into the waiting to the depth of a foot or more.

#### IN KANSAS.

Marshall and Nemaha Counties, Kansas were also visited by the tornado on the same evening, striking the city of Geneva about 6:30 o'clock, passing from the southwest to the northeast, wrecking everything in its path, and killing four persons, and injuring as many more. It reached Sabetha in about an hour after killing four and wounding several others. A wide gap was made through the business and residential portions of these towns. At Omaha, several buildings were destroyed and several children killed.

The west portion of Ballyville was swept away but no lives reported as lost.

Frankfort was struck about 5 p. m. A number of houses were destroyed and a dozen persons injured.

The greater portion of Reserve was entirely wiped out, and a number are reported to have been killed and injured.

D. A. Broadbeck, a former Oregon boy, but now of Frankfort, Kas. was one of the sufferers in the cyclone at that place, one house belonging to him being completely demolished.

William Banks, another former Holt county citizen, but now living near E. serve, Nebraska, with his family and a narrow escape from death. He had just completed a new house, and invited in a party of relatives and friends, to dedicate same, when the storm struck the house, upsetting and rolling it around like a ball—their baby became separated from them and was not found for a couple of hours, and then when found was mangled; none of them were seriously injured.

At Eldon, in Miller county, rains flooded the bottom lands of the Missouri, Gasconade and Osage river. What the rain left wind and hail destroyed, and some fifteen persons killed and wounded. At Versailles in Morgan county, two lives were lost. The Mississippi was approached the danger line at St. Louis. The Missouri river is rising rapidly and is said to have reached the danger line.

#### Maitland.

—Miss Gertie Foster went to Oregon, Friday.

—Miss Ella Rogers, of Craig, is visiting here this week.

—Mrs. C. T. Donovan, of St. Joseph, has been visiting here the past week.

—E. H. Sonny, of McFall, is visiting here this week. Miss Nellie who has been visiting here the past three weeks, will accompany him home.

—A choir was organized at the M. E. church last Monday night, and is composed of the following: Dudie Goodpasture, organist, Jennie John and Della Kennedy, assistants; Joseph Hoblitzell, choirster, Dr. Williams, secretary, Nellie Stacey, treasurer. It is the first choir ever organized here in this way,

and is composed of about 20 members.

—A contest was given by the W. C. T. U. at the Christian church last Tuesday evening. The contestants were "girls" between the ages of 25 and 70. Mrs. Joseph Bays won the prize, a handsome bound volume, "Life of Madame Willard." The seven contestants did splendidly, and the evening was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. The other contestants were: Mrs. Foster, Randall, Elliot Davis, Lola Hunter, Downing and Fullerton. R.

#### "The Milk in the Coconut."

EDITOR SENTINEL:—I have noticed mention in recent issues of the Democrat concerning the matter of the motor line project to the effect that "It lies with the people of Oregon whether the line is built or not." This, it occurs to me is misleading in the extreme, and places the citizens of this community in a false light before our neighbors and surrounding country.

The gentlemen having this matter in charge came here about eighteen months ago and proffered to build and equip a motor line between the towns of Oregon and Forest City, on condition that we, as citizens, would pay in cash or take stock at face value in the corporation in the sum of ten thousand dollars. Pursuant to this a committee was appointed to select sub captions in cash or to the capital stock of the proposed corporation and the amount was fully subscribed, promptly.

The city board of aldermen also passed the necessary ordinances granting franchises to the corporations proposed, —a motor line company and an electric lighting company.

The time on this lapsed, and a new ordinance was passed, granting a new franchise to the two corporations, which has also lapsed by reason of work not being commenced and prosecuted according to the terms and stipulations of the ordinances.

It is now again asked that this ten thousand dollars be again subscribed on the mere representation of these same gentlemen that we are now "going to do it."

At a meeting recently held, called at the suggestion of these gentlemen, supposedly for the purpose of a conference between themselves and the business men of the town, relative to re-subscribing ten thousand dollars on the part of the citizens, and a showing, on the part of the promoters of this scheme, of their ability to construct the line in case the ten thousand dollars was re-subscribed, they failed utterly to make any satisfactory showing of their financial ability to comply with their part of the undertaking.

With a view of arriving at some tangible and business like arrangement, there was, on motion, a committee of business men appointed for a conference and an investigation as to the financial standing of the corporation. So far, these gentlemen have made no attempt at any showing, and the principal promoter has now been absent for a number of days.

The citizens at this town will obligate themselves anew for the original subscription, there is no doubt about that, but not until there is a satisfactory showing, in a financial way made, one that will satisfy the committee appointed for that purpose. Hence the matter rests, not with the people of Oregon but with the promoters themselves.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

### THE POISONED CUP!

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Taylor, one of Holt's very best citizens ever be brought to the bar of justice, and pay the penalty of the law for the crime.

In our long newspaper career never have we seen such an array of intelligent, refined and dignified array of witnesses put upon the stand, as were the members of the Sharp's and Taylors, and this more than anything else, is what said: "Gertrude Taylor must go free."

THE SENTINEL desires to say that Judge O'Fallon was all that could be during the entire trial—dignified, impartial, clear and positive in all his rulings. Who killed Dillon B. Taylor, will perhaps always remain a mystery until the bright resurrection morn, when the great Judge will say to her: "Go hence;" for it is written "Thou shalt not kill."

#### Benjamin F. Fleming.

There was, perhaps in Holt county no man more highly esteemed and respected than our fellow citizen, Benj. F. Fleming, who was last Tuesday, May 19, 1896, called away "to that bourne from which no traveller returns," and we are strikingly reminded that none of us mortals are exempt from the stern decree that spares no condition, that all, high and low, rich and poor must answer the dreaded summons sooner or later.

For some time, Mr. Fleming had been a great sufferer from cancer, and which finally led to his death. His physicians as well as kind attentive friends did all in their power to bring about his recovery, but their efforts were in vain.

He was one of the prominent men of Bigelow township as well as of Holt county, and up to the time of his retirement from the mercantile business, had been longer continuously in business in Bigelow than any citizen of that place. He was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, September 23, 1838, and was the son of E. D. R. and Dorcas (Vickery) Fleming. His mother was a native of Kentucky and his father was born near Halifax court house. The latter was a farmer by occupation, and Benjamin grew to manhood on a farm in his native county. He received but a very limited common school education, and, in August, 1867, removed to Holt county, Missouri, where he became engaged in the saw mill and lumber business in this township. Two years afterwards he disposed of this industry and embarked in the mercantile trade in Bigelow. He served as presiding judge of the county court from 1882 to 1886, and enjoyed the reputation of having made one of the ablest that ever sat upon the bench. Mr. Fleming was married April 13, 1873, at New Point, Missouri, to Miss Lena, O'Neal, daughter of Elsha O'Neal. She is a native of Wisconsin. They have two children living: Mary Edna, born January 6, 1875, and Jennie V., born May 15, 1880. Two children are deceased.

The funeral services were conducted from the family residence on Thursday, May 21, 1896, with Masonic honors, after which the remains were taken to the Mound City cemetery for interment.

#### Craig.

—J. H. Anderson is again on the sick list.

—R. B. Bridgman, spent Sunday in Bigelow.

—James Meador was in Mound City Tuesday.

—Water is standing in a great many cellars here.

—Miss Biggs of Oregon, is visiting her brother, Otis.

—E. T. McFarland and wife, returned

Saturday from Barnard.

—W. S. Thompson and wife, spent Sunday in Bigelow, visiting home folks.

—Elder M. McFarland, of Barnard, preached in the Christian church Monday night.

—Mr. Wampler, the jeweler, has been selling a part of his stock at auction the past week.

—Elder McFarland will preach next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Paw Paw chapel.

The trains on the K. C. railroad have been greatly delayed this week on account of washouts.

—Several Enclavers from here attended the district convention of this society at Tarkio Saturday and Sunday last.

REPORTER.

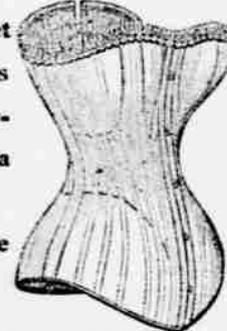
—Judge Lee Ward and his nephew, Charles, of Craig, returned Friday morning of this week from a two weeks' visit in Kentucky, Tennessee and Va. This was Lee's first visit to his old Kentucky home in 35 years. He says they have not had an excess of rain, and that crop prospects are good. He says, however, that he would not trade his farm in Holt for half of his native county in Kentucky. Mr. Ward reports the flood in the Chariton and Grand rivers, to have forced these streams out of their banks, and they are miles and miles wide.

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